

Portland, Nov 25/82

Mr. F H Underwood

Dear Sir = My wife sug-

gests some names of persons who might
be able to give you dates & facts you
desire - Perhaps you have already seen

them - Daniel B Whittier, of Boston,

who published a genealogy of the family,
might have some dates of value - He

took much pains in looking up materials -

Mrs. Isaac Pitman of Somerville, knew Mr W.
at Havenhill, while at school there - If

my wife's father were not so ill, he would
be the best possible authority - I think

J. G. W. would disagree your calling upon him
and yet I have thought the sick man might be

interested & not injured by a call from you -

He was so ill when I saw him a few weeks
ago that I did not ask him about any of

the old times, & if he continues so weak,

it would not be advisable to call on him -

You could find out for his wife if he could
be interviewed - He is at the Merrick

House, East Boston - He is five years

younger than his brother & has a better

memory of dates - He must know just

what his brother was doing in the year
to which you allude. I think it most
likely he was kept busy upon the farm
& that nothing special happened to him
just then.

I have had from J. G. W. many anecdotes
of his youth, & some of them I may relate
in the Transcript this winter. I could
never get any letters from him.

The three articles I am now
publishing are all submitted to him
in the proof, & so are authorized. But
there is nothing definite in them that
will be new to you, I suppose.

Very truly yours.

J. G. Perkins